

Manager's Newsletter

Town of Kitty Hawk

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County Working on Property Revaluation

Dare County is currently working on revaluation of all residential and commercial properties in the County. The revaluation is required by State Law every eight years to reflect current fair market real estate values. During the revaluation process, County appraisers will be reappraising all properties, including those located in Kitty Hawk. The work of revaluation will be effective on January 1, 2013. The Dare County tax office will be sending all property owners a revaluation notice in early 2013. The notice from Dare County will contain the new assessed value, some basic information about the revaluation, and instructions for filing an appeal. This new revaluation will be used to calculate property taxes on the property. Tax bills with the new valuation will be sent as normal, in July and will be due the next September. For additional information please visit Dare County Revaluation. Please click here to watch the County's Revaluation Video.

Large Item Pick Up Scheduled for Tuesday, October 16

Dare County Sanitation will be conducting large item pick up in Kitty Hawk on Tuesday, October 16, 2012. Materials must be at curbside no later than 6:00 am on the date of collection. There will not be a second day pick-up.

On this special pick-up, the County will collect used auto tires, used motor oil (only in spill proof containers), auto radiators, scrap metals (rims, motor parts), appliances, furniture, and mattresses and box springs. Please remove doors from refrigerators.

The following items WILL NOT be collected: old clothes, shoes, cardboard, etc., tree limbs, stumps, leaves, any yard-clearing debris, construction/demolition materials such as lumber, toilets, windows, doors, etc., any hazardous materials (oil based paint, pesticides, etc.) Water based paint can be picked up but must be dried out. All normal household garbage must be disposed of in your black can.

Restrictions:

Please DO NOT place items at the roadside until the day before your pickup will be held. If the County does not take an item(s) you placed on the roadside, it has been rejected and must be disposed of at your expense.



National Fire Protection Agency and Fire Prevention Week "Have 2 Ways Out"

National Fire Prevention Week is scheduled for October 7 through October 13. Each year, the NFPA chooses a theme; this year's theme is "Have 2 Ways Out," which focuses on the importance of fire escape planning and practice. When fire strikes, your home could be engulfed in flames in just a few minutes. It is important to have a home fire escape plan that prepares your family to think fast and get out quickly when the smoke alarm sounds. What if your first escape route is blocked

by smoke or flames? This is why having two ways out is such a key part of your plan. We would like you and your family to map out an escape route from your home, ensuring that you have "2 ways out."

Town Calendar

Town Council Meeting—Monday, October 1, 2012. 6:00 p.m.

Broadcast of Town Council Meeting - Thursday, October 4 and Sunday, October 7, 2012—1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. (Charter Cable, Channel 20)

Planning Board Meeting—Thursday, October 11, 2012—6:00 p.m.



Town Council Scheduled to Meet Monday, October 1, 2012

Items on the Agenda Include

Employee Service Awards

Marlene Meyer—Finance Technician—5 Years Ben Alexander—Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Inspector—10 Years

Public Hearing On Text Amendment proposed to add Subsection 42-252(c)(17) allowing "electronic gaming operations" as a conditionally permitted use in the Community Shopping Mall/Center (BC-3) district, provided that certain criteria are met.

Street Right-of-Way Dedication: Proposal for the Town of Kitty Hawk to accept additional right-of-way for Putter Lane.

New Business—New Police Chief Selection

Voting Information



Friday, October 12 is the last day to register to vote. You may register to vote in Dare County if you are:

- A citizen of the United States; and
- 18 years of age or older by the election; and
- A legal resident of Dare County for 30 days by the date of the next election

You can register or change your address, name or party by submitting a <u>mail-in registration form</u>, which is available at the

following locations:

- Dare County Board of Elections Office—954 Marshal C. Collins Dr, Manteo NC 27954 PH: 252.475.5630 Open: Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
- Public Libraries All County Branches During Regular Hours
- DMV During Regular Office Hours
- Town Hall Offices During Regular Office Hours
- Various Public Assistance Agencies
- On the <u>North Carolina Board of Elections</u> website

You must update your registration if you:

- have moved to another address within Dare County since you registered to vote;
- have changed your name; or
- · wish to change your party affiliation

You can also view your current voter registration information and sample ballot information by following this link:

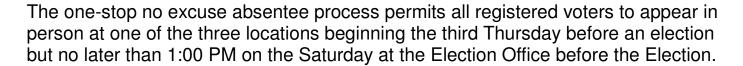
Current Voter Registration Information

Kitty Hawk Fire Department Open House – Saturday, 10/6/12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Forget

To kick off Fire Prevention Week, the Kitty Hawk Fire Department will have an Open House on Saturday, October 6, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please see the flyer on page 8 for details.

Early and Absentee Voting Process



Voters will be allowed to apply and vote at the Board of Elections office or other designated and approved one-stop voting sites.

Locations for One-Stop Voting: SITE #1 - DARE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE

954 Marshall C Collins Dr Manteo NC 27954

Monday – Friday beginning October 18, 2012 – November 2, 2012 From 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday November 3, 2012 from 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

SITE #2 - BAUM CENTER

300 Mustian Street Kill Devil Hills NC 27948

Monday–Friday beginning October 18, 2012 – November 2, 2012 From 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

SITE #3 - FESSENDEN CENTER

46830 Highway 12 Buxton NC 27920

Monday–Friday beginning October 18, 2012 – November 2, 2012 From 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Questions about registration, absentee ballots, one-stop voting and other election matters may be directed to the Election Office at 252.475.5630.

You can also visit the Dare County Board of Elections site for more information:

2012 NC Building Code Adds Freeboard Requirements



North Carolina's barrier islands are known for raised houses that allow for storm surge to flow underneath. Now, new homes in floodplains across the state will be required to have raised elevations higher than the minimum 100-year flood requirement in national regulations.

Since March 1, N.C. Residential Building Code amendments have called for a foot of "freeboard" for all new houses in the 112 communities under the Coastal Area Management Act.

Additional freeboard – a boating term used to describe the added elevation – requirements may be adopted by a community for new construction. This enables all insured buildings, including older buildings with lower floors, to qualify for flood insurance savings, explains Spencer Rogers, North Carolina Sea Grant's coastal construction and erosion specialist.

A few N.C. coastal communities already have adopted 3 feet of freeboard. About 46 percent of the coastal communities have adopted at least 2 feet of freeboard.

"Overall, three out of four coastal residents live in areas where communities have already adapted to 1 foot or more of increased water levels," notes Rogers, a member of the Science Panel on Coastal Hazards, which advises the N.C. Coastal Resources commission.

"The national standard may sound safe, being exceeded on average only once in every 100 years. However, over the lifetime of an average house, the risk accumulates to about 50 percent," he adds.

"In contrast to the flood standard, the latest building codes are based on 700-year wind speeds, but few people on the coast question the existing design requirements for the hurricane winds. Building higher floor elevations adds a safety factor lacking from the national flood standards, for both coastal storm surges and inland-river flooding."

Most coastal property owners with a flood insurance policy qualify for lower premiums with community-adopted freeboard requirements.

"Individual building owners who are either required to add freeboard or, where not required, choose to add freeboard, can qualify for even larger annual premium discounts for each foot of freeboard the building has above the 100-year flood elevation," Rogers adds. "Discounts depend on the flood zone, increasing with higher risk"

Reprinted with the permission of Coastwatch, Autumn 2012, www.ncseagrant.org, article by Katie Mosher

The Building Code Council held a public hearing on a proposal to delete the freeboard requirement from the code. The NC Homebuilder's Association spoke in favor of the repeal. John Gerber, PE and Spencer Rogers spoke in favor of keeping the existing 1-foot requirement that became effective in March. The Council expects to vote on the repeal at their scheduled December meeting.

Note: The Town of Kitty Hawk has had an existing 1- foot freeboard requirement. The vote on the repeal will not affect the Town's required 1-foot freeboard.



Police Department Activities for August 2012:

Calls for Service: 1803

Criminal Investigations Initiated: 44

Traffic Accidents Investigated: 28

Residence Checks 39

Business Checks: 331

Foot Patrol: 67

Request for Mutual Aid from other Departments: 15

Citations Issued: 122

Warnings Issued: 118

Arrests: 45



Free Wellness Screenings and Flu Shots

Thursday, November 1, 2012

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Kitty Hawk Town Hall

The Outer Banks Hospital will be providing free Flu Shots and free health screenings to include, blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, BMI and skin cancer. Health information will also be provided by participating vendors.

All are welcome to attend.



Fire Department Emergency Calls – August 2012

During the month of August 2012, there were 72 calls for emergency service. The breakdown is as follows:

Alarm system activation, no fire - uninten	tional	1		
Assist invalid	5			
Automatic/mutual aid	3			
Brush or brush-grass mixture fire	1			
Extrication of victim from vehicle	1			
Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1			
Lock-out	1			
Medical Calls	38			
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	3			
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	11			
Overheated motor	2			
Power line down	1			
Service call (tree down)	1			
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction 1				
Surf rescue	1			
Watercraft rescue	1			

Kitty Hawk Fire Department Fire Prevention Open House



Saturday, October 6, 2012 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.



Activities for Children of All Ages:

- . Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Chips
- . Dare County Smoke House
- Sparky the Fire Dog
- . Fire Safety Educational Materials
- . Child Safety Seat Checks
- . Games
- . Tours

Kitty Hawk Fire Department is Recruiting Volunteers Incentives Available Call 252-261-2666 for more information.



The Town of Kitty Hawk's newsletter is prepared two times per month and sent electronically to anyone who wants to receive it. Paper copies of the newsletter are available at Town Hall. The newsletter does not present or represent opinions of the Town Council.

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